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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 451**

**Introduced by Senator Poochigian**

February 17, 2005

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An act to amend Sections 12800 and 13000 of the Vehicle Code, relating to identification.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 451, as amended, Poochigian. Identification: thumb and finger.

Under existing law, an application for a driver's license or an identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles is required to contain a legible print of the thumb or finger of the applicants.

This bill, instead, would require an application for those documents to contain a legible print or prints of the thumb or finger, or both, or thumbs or fingers, or both, of the applicant, as determined by the department.

*This bill would require information obtained under the driver's license provisions to be used only for the purpose of identifying the applicant, determining whether the applicant may be issued a driver's license, and investigating fraud relating to the issuance of a driver's license.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 12800 of the Vehicle Code is amended  
2 to read:

1 12800. (a) An application for an original or a renewal of a  
2 driver's license shall contain all of the following information:

3 ~~(a)~~

4 (1) The applicant's true full name, age, sex, mailing address,  
5 residence address, and social security account number.

6 ~~(b)~~

7 (2) A brief description of the applicant for the purpose of  
8 identification.

9 ~~(c)~~

10 (3) A legible print or prints of the thumb or finger, or both, or  
11 thumbs or fingers, or both, of the applicant, as determined by the  
12 department.

13 ~~(d)~~

14 (4) The type of motor vehicle or combination of vehicles the  
15 applicant desires to operate.

16 ~~(e)~~

17 (5) Whether the applicant has ever previously been licensed as  
18 a driver and, if so, when and in what state or country and whether  
19 or not the license has been suspended or revoked and, if so, the  
20 date of and reason for the suspension or revocation.

21 ~~(f)~~

22 (6) Whether the applicant has ever previously been refused a  
23 driver's license in this state and, if so, the date of and the reason  
24 for the refusal.

25 ~~(g)~~

26 (7) Whether the applicant, within the last three years, has  
27 experienced, on one or more occasions, either a lapse of  
28 consciousness or an episode of marked confusion caused by a  
29 condition that may bring about recurrent lapses, or whether the  
30 applicant has a disease, disorder, or disability that affects his or  
31 her ability to exercise reasonable and ordinary control in  
32 operating a motor vehicle upon a highway.

33 ~~(h)~~

34 (8) Whether the applicant understands traffic signs and  
35 signals.

36 ~~(i)~~

37 (9) Whether the applicant has ever previously been issued an  
38 identification card by the department.

39 ~~(j)~~

1 (10) Any other information that is necessary to enable the  
2 department to determine whether the applicant is entitled to a  
3 license under this code.

4 (b) *Information collected under this section shall be used only*  
5 *for the following purposes:*

6 (1) *Identifying the applicant.*

7 (2) *Determining whether the applicant may be issued a*  
8 *driver's license.*

9 (3) *Investigating fraud relating to the issuance of a driver's*  
10 *license.*

11 SEC. 2. Section 13000 of the Vehicle Code is amended to  
12 read:

13 13000. (a) The department may issue an identification card  
14 to a person attesting to the true full name, correct age, and other  
15 identifying data as certified by the applicant for the identification  
16 card.

17 (b) A person 62 years of age or older may apply for, and the  
18 department upon receipt of a proper application shall issue, an  
19 identification card bearing the notation "Senior Citizen".

20 (c) An application for an identification card shall be signed  
21 and verified by the applicant before a person authorized to  
22 administer oaths and shall be supported by bona fide  
23 documentary evidence of the age and identity of the applicant as  
24 the department may require, and shall include a legible print or  
25 prints of ~~the thumb or finger~~ *thumbs or fingers*, or both, of the  
26 applicant, as determined by the department.

27 (d) A person 62 years of age or older, and any other qualified  
28 person, may apply for, or possess, an identification card under  
29 either subdivision (a) or (b), but not under both of those  
30 provisions.